

in the United States, including the most demanding reporting requirements for transactions and suspicious activities and computerized bookmaking systems that document every wager received, every win paid out, the results of each sporting event and every change in odds; and

Whereas, Legal wagers with the sports books regulated by this state, which amount to approximately \$2.5 billion each year, are dwarfed by the amount of illegal sports wagers in this country, which are estimated by some sources to exceed \$350 billion each year; and

Whereas, There have been no reports of student bookmakers on any college campus in this state contributing to the flood of illegal sports wagers; and

Whereas, There have been efforts in Congress that seek to take away from the State of Nevada the constitutionally derived authority recognized by the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act with respect to wagering on college sports conducted within the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, The repeal of that exemption would have an adverse effect on the economy of this state and the jobs of a number of its residents, would deprive this country of a vital defense against illegal sports wagering and would lead to an increase in illegal sports wagering; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly,* That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to refrain from enacting any measure that would repeal the ability of the State of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form, thereby inflicting damage upon both the State of Nevada and the national fight against illegal gambling; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to enact the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001, sponsored by United States Senators John Ensign and Harry Reid and United States Representatives James Gibbons and Shelley Berkley and others, thereby enhancing the ability of the nation to identify and address illegal wagering on college sports; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi relative to the Federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, the Federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax generates a minimal amount of federal revenue, especially considering the high cost of collection and compliance and, in fact, has been shown to decrease those federal revenues from what they might otherwise have been; and

Whereas, this "Death Tax" has been identified as destructive to job opportunity and expansion, especially to family farmers; and

Whereas, this "Death Tax" causes severe hardship to growing family businesses and family farming operations, often to the point of partial or complete forced liquidation, thereby depriving state and local governments of an important ongoing source of revenue; and

Whereas, critical state and local leadership assets are unnecessarily destroyed and forever lost to the future detriment of the community through relocation or liquidation; and

Whereas, local and state schools, churches and numerous other charitable activities would greatly benefit from the increased employment and continued family business leadership: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of Mississippi,* That we do hereby request that the Congress of the United States repeal the Federal Unified Gift and Estate tax effective immediately; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and to each member of the Mississippi delegation of the United States Congress.

POM-33. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to Gulf War illness; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1824

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 members of the United States armed forces, including 7,500 Kansans, deployed to the Persian Gulf region during 1990 and 1991 to participate in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait; and

Whereas, These Gulf War veterans have been, and continue to be, afflicted by an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems. To date federal research efforts have not identified the prevalence, patterns, causes or treatments for illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans. Yet thousands of our veterans continue to suffer from a variety of chronic symptoms, and

Whereas, The Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative, a project of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, primarily through the efforts of Dr. Lea Steele, has completed a scientific study of 2,000 Kansas Gulf War veterans with the results being published in the American Journal of Epidemiology. The findings of this study indicate that: Kansas Gulf War veterans have significantly more health problems than veterans who served in other areas and that these conditions may have been caused by multiple factors; and

Whereas, While it has been established that Gulf War veterans suffer from an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems, the cause or causes of these varied conditions have not been determined, and the system for providing care and treatment of these veterans has been inadequate or non-responsive to the conditions presented; and

Whereas, Gulf War illness has had a severe negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of Gulf War veterans, and has affected their ability to work, yet adequate compensation for these conditions has not been received by these veterans; and

Whereas, Service connected illnesses have not been addressed adequately for veterans of past wars and conflicts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide funding for Gulf War illness research independent of that administered by the United States Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs; and to establish a process of independent review of federal policies and

programs associated with Gulf War illness research, benefits, and health care; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge further assistance to veterans afflicted with Gulf War illness, whether by the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs or another designated organization, to provide badly needed health care, vocational assistance and disability compensation; and that there be public service announcements informing veterans across the nation of the findings of this research and informing the veterans of the programs that are available to help them; and be it further

*Resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation; to the Governor of the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; and to the National and State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, National Retired Officers Association, National Retired Enlisted Association and the National Order of the Purple Heart.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 54, A resolution authorizing expenditures by the committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, and October 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003 (Rept. No. 107-14).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 797. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equitable treatment for associations which prepare for or mitigate the effects of natural disasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 798. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers certain credits against income tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 799. A bill to prohibit the use of racial and other discriminatory profiling in connection with searches and detentions of individuals by the United States Customs Service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 800. A bill to provide for post conviction DNA testing, to establish a competent counsel grant program, and for other purpose; to the Committee on the Judiciary.